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SUBJECT: SPANISH BRIEFED ON LONDON NATO MEETING

1. AT SPANISH REQUEST, THE FORUM PROVIDED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO WAS EMPLOYED FOR THE BRIEFING ON THE LONDON NAC BY EUR/RPM DIRECTOR HOMES. THE COMMITTEE, PLUS SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ROVIRA, ASSEMBLED FOR THIS PURPOSE SHORTLY AFTER THE US SPANISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 12.

2. THE INTEREST OF THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE WAS HIGH AND REFLECTED THEIR OBJECTIVE OF USING THE COMMITTEE AS A CHANNEL FOR OBTAINING FOR THE SPANISH GOVT A MUCH WIDER AND DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF NATO.

3. THEIR QUESTION DEMONSTRATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR A TWO PHASE STUDY OF EAST WEST RELATIONS AND IN ESTIMATES OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SOVIET MILITARY AND CIVIL DEFENSE BUILDUP. THE SPANISH SIDE REQUESTED (A) THAT THE COMMITTEE RECONVENE FOR A SIMILAR BRIEFING ON THE
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DPC MINISTERIAL.
(B) THAT THE US SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ON A REGULAR BASIS ANALYTICAL MATERIALS. BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET POSTURE IN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN, (WE UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN THIS RESPECT AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING A CHANNEL FOR

PROVIDING APPROPRIATE INR MATERIALS THAT COULD BE PASSED TO THE SPANISH).

4. NO CONCERN WHATSOEVER WAS INDICATED ON THE SPANISH SIDE THAT SPAIN HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE NAC SESSIONS. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER INDICATIONS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN HERE THAT THE SPANISH GOVT DOES NOT DESIRE AT LEAST DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN TO APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY PURSUING A CLOSER RELATION-

SHIP WITH THE ALLIANCE. STABLER

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